Emergency Department - Notification of Specialist or VMO Regarding Patients Admitted through the ED

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PURPOSE

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide advice on the development of hospital mechanisms for the notification of Specialists or Visiting Medical Officers of patients admitted through the Emergency Department.

KEY PRINCIPLES

Mechanisms should be in place for the appropriate Visiting Medical Officer or Staff Specialist to be notified of each hospital admission through the emergency department. The notification should be made by the rostered medical officer attending to the patient in the emergency department, prior to the end of his or her shift. In hospitals with specialty registrars, this notification can be made to the appropriate registrar.

All relevant medical practitioners should be educated regarding the need for compliance with the above guideline.

USE OF THE GUIDELINE

Following the recommendation of the State Coroner, these guidelines should be incorporated into written hospital policy in relation to the notification of admitting Visiting Medical Officers or Staff Specialists regarding patients admitting through the emergency department.

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